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# QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WBFF-TV,

Baltimore, Maryland, along with the most significant

programming treatment for the period of

April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005

The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority nor significance. The list is by no means exhaustive.

ISSUE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Program:

Straight Talk

Broadcast:

April 10/11:30PM

Source:

Local

Length:

30 minutes

Description: "Reality TV".....a mother talks with host Mike Gimbel of her son's death due to a herion overdose. An addict for 10 years, her son had changed his life and was looking forward to marriage. Thinking he was clean of drugs and doing well in rehab, "Danny" made connection and feel to the temptation of "Satan's gift"....dying alone, and victimized by the drug dealer. Charleen Scarletta accounted her family's struggle in recognizing the signs of abuse, supporting treatment and recovery, and d3ealing with death by drugs.

Program: Broadcast: Straight Talk May 1/11:30PM

Source:

Local

Length:

30 minutes

Description: A talk about drug treatment, relapse, and support addicts returning to the community from treatment. Tony Harrison, Director of Changing Direction treatment program,. And recovering addicts, Adrian, John and Mark recount their struggles and victory. Emphasis on what the public needs to know about the lack of support once treatment ends and how relapse occurs when home, job, and support systems are lacking.

Program:

Straight Talk

Broadcast:

June 5/11:30PM

Source:

Local

Length:

30 minutes

Description: "Beyond the Lingo" author Devin Blackwood talks with program host Mike Gimbel about the language of addiction, treatment, recovery and relapse so viewers can understand what is meant in dealing with drugs, abuse and recovery.

### News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date:

June 27/10:18PM

Length:

4:10

Source:

Local

Description:

The war on drugs is focusing on treatment now rather than

incarceration. Why the change? What's the impact? Keith Daniels reports.

Broadcast Date:

February 16/10:17PM

Length:

3:50

Source:

Local

Description: "Robo Trippin". Kids and teens have a new drug of choice, cough medicine like Robutussin which young people are drinking to get high.

## **ISSUE: YOUTH**

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date:

June 30/10:16PM

Length:

3:50

Source:

Local

Description:

Karen Parks examines a new Baltimore training program that is helping foster kids beat the odds and help them form their own lives of responsibility.

Broadcast Date:

May 12/10:11PM

Length:

4:20

Source:

Local

Description:

Reporter Megan McHale examines gangs in Maryland their new

recruiting efforts among young girls...as youth as elementary school students.

**Broadcast Date:** 

May 25/10:22PM

Length:

3:45

Source:

News Central

Description:

A look at rap music and its themes of thugs, street life and gangs.

How much is staged and what is real life as portrayed on the music.

#### **CRIME/CRIMINAL JUSTICE** ISSUE:

Program:

America's Most Wanted

Broadcast:

Saturdays 9PM

Source:

Network

Length:

60 minutes

Description:

A weekly program featuring profiles on fugitives and unsolved crimes in which viewers' help is solicited to bring criminals to justice. The program also features missing children alerts to help identify them and reunite them with their families

Program:

Maryland's Most Wanted

Broadcast:

Saturdays/10:20PM

Source:

Local

Length:

1:30

Description:

The News at Ten in cooperation with Maryland State Police, area sheriffs' offices, and the local office of the FBI presents a local "most wanted" feature following

the Saturday broadcast of "America's Most Wanted". During the news feature,

information about unsolved Maryland crimes and wanted fugitives is presented and viewers help is requested to bring criminals to justice.

News at Ten Cover Stories

Broadcast Date:

April 6/10:23PM

Length:

3:40

Source:

Local

Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office claims it's under funded Description: and overworked. The shortfall means some severe cuts in critical area. Investigative reporter Joy Lepola examines who should pay for the State's Attorney's office to put Baltimore's worst offenders behind bars and what the financial crisis means to the city's fight against crime.

Broadcast Date:

April 7/10:21PM

Length:

3:30

Source:

Local

Description:

State tax on cigarettes is making the cost a real burden to smokers.

Smokers are crossing the borders into Delaware and Pennsylvania where cigarettes cost less but they may be breaking the law if they transport too many smokes back across the state lines. Kathleen Cairns reports.

Broadcast Date:

May 4/10:16PM

Length:

3:450

Source:

Local

Description:

Problems continue in Central Booking where officials were forced

to release suspects without gong to trial because they have been held too long with. processing through the criminal justice system. A new investigation shows that police at being told to avoid Central Booking all together because of the backup in the system. Investigative reporter Joy Lepola examines the problem and its impact on crime in the city.

Broadcast Date:

May 11/10:17PM

Length:

4:10

Source:

Local

Many first time sex offenders are getting off with probation before Description: judgment or suspended sentences. It's causing concern that there are too much protection for those who commit sex crimes and too few safeguards for their victims.

Broadcast Date:

May 12/10:18PM

Length:

4:20

Source:

Local

Description:

A look at gangs in Maryland and the recruiting of young girls are

prime targets for membership.

**Broadcast Date:** 

May 16/10:18PM

Length:

3:50

Source:

Local

Description:

A look at the illegal underground "numbers game" and its impact

on the legal Maryland lottery.

Broadcast Date:

May 30/10:32PM

Length:

3:00

Source:

New Central

Description:

A look at how we should handle sex offenders that live among us

and how to protect our children.

**Broadcast Date:** 

June 20/10:23PM

Length:

3:30

Source:

Local

Description:

A look at how an Annapolis neighborhood is fighting crime with

video cameras and cell phones to monitor drug activity.

**Broadcast Date:** 

June 22/10:29PM

Length:

3:40

Source:

New Central

Description:

Kathleen Cairns reports who bloodhounds are increasingly being

used as police dogs because they can "sniff out" the case.

#### ISSUE: ENVIRONMENT

News at Ten Cover Stories:

**Broadcast Date:** 

April 14/10:19PM

Length:

3:00

Source:

**CNN** 

Description:

In the Florida Keys, 80 dolphins have beached themselves and

volunteers from around the country are working to save them.

**Broadcast Date** 

April 20/10:19PM

Length:

3:45

Source:

Local

Description:

A look at beach replenishment in Ocean City and the impact that federal budget cuts will have on this erosion prevention effort where the beach is the base

of the local economy..

Broadcast Date

April 21/10:18PM

Length:

3:40

Source:

Local

Description: A local teacher is teaching inner city students to be inner city environmentalist by learning about the impact of trash on their environment and what youngsters can do to improve the quality of their neighborhood.

#### **ISSUE:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date:

June 29/10:18PM

Length:

4:10

Source:

Local

Description:

Foreclosure swindlers. A local man is successful in getting

homeowners to sign their housing over to him...yet, they keep the debt. This consumer report warns homeowners about what they need to know to protect their assets and what they should know and o before signing anything property over to someone else...

**Broadcast Date** 

June 14/10:23PM

Length:

4:00

Source:

Local

Description:

Reporter Jeff Abel explores Maryland's "lost communities". IN this cover story, "Chester Park", a shanty town in the heart of affluent St Michael's on the Easter Shore, is home to minority families that have no running water. Wealthy neighbors are raising funds for the future of this community and providing basic services

Broadcast Date:

May 23/10:17PM

Length:

3:50

for their neighborhoods' health, safety and welfare.

Source:

Local

Description:

What is the impact on red light cameras in the local community?

Are they helping to enforce laws and benefiting public safety or actually causing

accidents? Jeff Abel reports.

Broadcast Date:

April 12/10:23PM

Length:

3:40

Source:

Local

Description:

What are "bloggers" and what is their role in Maryland politics. How do they influence what the public thinks? Political reporter John Rydel examines

their impact.

Broadcast Date:

April 1/10:17PM

Length:

3:45

Source:

Local

Description:

Jeff Abel explores the lost community of Chester Park in St

Michael's to learn what the community needs to be part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**ISSUE:** HEALTH

Program:

Straight Talk

Broadcast:

March 13/11:30PM

Source:

Local

Length:

30 minutes

Description:

Host Mike Gimble discussed eating disorders, diagnosis and treatment with Dr. Harry Brandt, Medical Director of the Eating Disorders Program at Sheppard

Pratt Hospital.

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date:

April 5/10:22PM

Length:

4:00

Source:

Local

Description:

The battle over vioxx. Investigative reporter Joy Lepola examines

the controversy and health risks associated with vioxx and COX-2 inhibitor drugs.

Broadcast Date:

May 6/10:19PM

Length:

3:45

Source:

Local

Description:

A look at the use of hypnotherapy in weight loss.

Broadcast Date:

May 10/10:16PM

Length:

3:45

Source:

Local

Description:

A look at how technology is giving those who use it a chance to

lose weight without breaking a sweat or counting calories.

Broadcast Date:

May 18/10:16PM

Length:

3:40

Source:

Local

Description:

How do genes affect one's diets? Reporter Karen Parks examines

medical proof that documents the impact of one's genetic make-up in weight.

Broadcast Date:

May 17/10:19PM

Length:

4:10

Source:

Local

Description:

"Toxic Terror"....everyday personal and health care products can

be deadly when not used properly. What toxic terrors are larking in one's homes?

Broadcast Date:

May 19/10:17PM

Length:

3:50

Source:

Local

Description: "Debtors Anonymous". Is it a compulsive problem of falling into deep debt and a health care problem? Why do some people consistently fall in deep debit and what treatment is available to help them cope? Keith Daniels reports.

Broadcast Date:

May 24/10:19PM

Length:

4:00

Source:

Local

Description: A personal story of Hopkins physicians Robert Seung-Bok Lee, who as a young gymnast was severely injured and became a paraplegic. Determined not to give up, he turned to medicine and now is the chief resident at Hopkins. His disability gives him a unique rapport with parents and inspired within them the courage to continue their medical journeys.

Broadcast Date:

June 1/10:21PM

Length:

3:30

Source:

News Central

Description:

"Gym Germs"...how health is working out at fitness centers to

one's health. How many germs live in local gyms and how can they harm one's health.

Broadcast Date:

June 7/10:21PM

Length:

3:30

Source:

Local

Description:

Reporter Patrice Harris follows the recovery of young football

players Van Brooks and his recovery in living as a quadriplegic.

Broadcast Date:

June 9/10:16PM

Length:

4:10

Source:

Local

Description:

Health reporter Karen Parks examines distraction therapy for children and how it helps them deal with and cope with pain management as they undergo frequent medical treatments.

Broadcast Date:

June 13/10:23PM

Length:

3:30

Source:

Local

Description:

The Maryland legislature is consider mandating that large

corporations provided health care insurance for employees and it is activating a national debate and has left Wal-Mart in the center of the controversy.

Broadcast Date:

June 15/10:22PM

Length:

3:45

Source:

Local

Description:

How do cancer support groups help the patient cope and heal.

Anchor Jennifer Gilbert examines a new treatment.

ISSUE: **EDUCATION** 

Program:

College Bound Scholar of the Week

Broadcast Date:

April 1 – June 13/7A-11P/12 X weekly

Length:

:30

Source:

Local

Description:

In cooperation with the CollegeBound Foundation, the station weekly salutes a college bound Baltimore City high school seniors for his academic achievements, community service and leadership with a profile of the student on his high school campus. The program continues for a 13 week period.

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date:

April 11/10:23PM

Length:

3:45

Source:

Local

Description:

Amber Theoharis take a look at a new trend where parents are

hiring sports agents to get their kids scholarships for college.

Broadcast Date:

June 16/10:22PM

Length:

3:30

Source:

Local

Description:

An examination of the role of the Baltimore Teachers Union and as

to if they are protecting or hurting the city's educators.

ISSUE: HOMELAND SECURITY

News at Ten Cover Stories:

Broadcast Date:

April 25-May 2/10:17PM

Length:

3:30 each

Source:

Local

Description:

Anchor Jeff Barnd traveled to Iraq to talk and study the men and

women guarding the shores of the Persian Gulf...where they are keeping the peace and defending US interests. In his "tour of duty", Jeff examined oil platforms and off shore drilling interests, the Saddam Regime Takeover., the Iraq-Kuwait border, strength at sea, the C5A Galaxy role in transferring troops and supplies.

Broadcast Date:

May 2/10:19PM

Length:

3:50

Source:

Local

Description:

"Terror in Our food". Anchor Jennifer Gilbert examines the risk to the nation's food supplies and how terrorists might attack through tampering with food.

What is being done to protect the food supply in our nation?

**Broadcast Date:** 

May 9/10:22PM

Length:

3:30

Source:

Local

Description:

A look at how Maryland is benefiting from "homeland handouts".

Jeff Abell reports.

Broadcast Date:

June 2/10:18PM

Length:

3:50

Source:

Local

Description:

Joy Lepola investigates the problems pilots face in s steering clear

of the no fly zone area around the nation's capitol